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**Office Action Summary**

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Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D.

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 01 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Restriction Requirement

## 35 U.S.C. § 121

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- 5           a. Group I, claim(s) 1-3, drawn to a **method of treating HIV-1 infection** through the administration of **peroxiredoxin**, classified in class 424, subclass 94.1.
- 10           b. Group II, claim(s) 4-9, drawn to a **method of decreasing the infectivity of a biological sample** by contacting said sample with a **peroxiredoxin**, classified in class 424, subclass 94.1.<sup>1</sup>
- 15           c. Group III, claim(s) 10, drawn to a **method of treating HIV-1 infection** through the administration of **manganese dismutase**, classified in class 424, subclass 94.1.
- 20           d. Group IV, claim(s) 11, drawn to a **method of treating HIV-1 infection** through the administration of **nucleic acids** encoding peroxiredoxins, classified in class 514, subclass 44.
- 25           e. Group V, claim(s) 12, drawn to an **ex vivo method of treating HIV-1 infection**, classified in class 435, subclass 325.
- 30           f. Group VI, claim(s) 13-15, drawn to a biological **sample purification system** employing peroxiredoxins, classified in class 435, subclass 174.
- g. Group VII, claim(s) 16, drawn to a pharmaceutical **composition comprising peroxiredoxins**, classified in class 424, subclass 94.1.
- h. Group VIII, claim(s) 17, drawn to a **kit** comprising peroxiredoxins, classified in class 422, subclass 61.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants are advised that claim 4 is directed toward a method of decreasing the infectivity of a biological sample whereas claim 3 is directed toward a method of treating HIV infection. Claims 5-9 are dependent from claim 3, yet they recite limitations involving a biological sample as set forth in claim 4. Thus, it appears that these claims should actually be dependent from Group II (claim 4) and have been included in this group for the purpose of this restriction requirement. Applicants should amend the claim language in the next response to clearly set forth the claim pendency.

3. Inventions I-V are all unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (M.P.E.P. § 806.04 and § 808.01).

5 In the instant case, each of the identified groups is directed toward a different scientific objective that employs different reagents (i.e., enzymes, nucleic acids, purification systems) and protocols. Separate searches will be required for each group. Accordingly, each invention is clearly directed toward a different  
10 inventive concept.

4. Inventions VI-VIII are all unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different  
15 functions, or different effects (M.P.E.P. § 806.04 and § 808.01).

In the instant case, each of the identified products is directed toward a structurally and functionally different composition (i.e., purification system, pharmaceutical, or kit). Separate searches will be required for each group. Therefore, each group is clearly  
20 directed toward a different inventive concept.

5. Inventions I and VII are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as  
25 claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (M.P.E.P. § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the enzyme of Group VII can be employed in a number of materially different processes such as diagnostic or screening  
30 assays.

6. Inventions VI/VIII and I-V are all unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable

of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (M.P.E.P. § 806.04 and § 808.01). In the instant case, the methodologies of Groups I-V neither require nor utilize the products of Groups VI and VIII.

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7. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, recognized divergent subject matter, and require separate searches, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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8. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 C.F.R. § 1.143). Applicant is also advised that the claims should be amended to reflect the election, where necessary.

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9. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I).

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***Claim Rejoinder (M.P.E.P. § 821.04)***

10. Applicants are reminded that a restriction between product and process claims has been set forth *supra*. When applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found to be allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include **all** the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of §

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821.04 of the M.P.E.P. Process claims that depend from or otherwise include **all** the limitations of the patentable product will be entered as a matter of right if the amendment is presented prior to final rejection or allowance, whichever is earlier.

5 Amendments submitted after final rejection are governed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 while amendments submitted after allowance are governed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

10 11. In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims **must** meet all criteria for patentability as set forth under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and

15 112. Until an elected product claim is found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained. **Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowed product claim will not be rejoined.** See "Guidance on Treatment of Product and Process

20 Claims in light of *In re Ochiai*, *In re Brouwer*, and 35 U.S.C. § 103(b)," 1184 O.G. 86 (March 26, 1996). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, Applicant is advised that the process claims should be amended during prosecution either to maintain dependency on the product

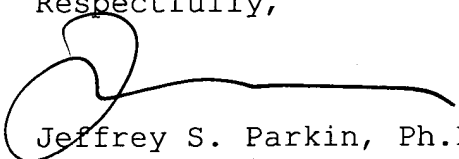
25 claims or to otherwise include the limitations of the product claims. **Failure to do so will result in a loss of the right to rejoinder.** Furthermore, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. § 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the examiner before the

30 patent issues. See M.P.E.P. § 804.01.

*Correspondence*

12. Correspondence related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). Official communications should be directed toward the following Group 1600 fax number: (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 308-2227. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisors, Laurie Scheiner or James Housel, can be reached at (703) 308-1122 or (703) 308-4027, respectively. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Respectfully,



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